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Boy accidently shoots self: Cops

• Officers called to Dartmouth neighbourhood following reports of gunfire Teen shot in his lower body Charges now pending



Police say a 15-year-old boy who suffered a gunshot wound in a north-end Dartmouth neighbourhood on Sunday did so by accidentally shooting himself.

Halifax Regional Police Staff Sgt. Bill Morris said officers responded to the 0-100 block of Lahey Road just after 11 a.m. on Sunday.

'We've got a 15-year-old male who was shot and taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries," he said.

A gun was recovered from the street where the boy was shot. Investigators were looking

into two possibilities: that he was shot by someone or he accidentally shot himself. By late Sunday, they determined it was the latter.

There were a number of different things that led us to this



conclusion," Staff Sgt. Lindsay Hernden said on Sunday night. "But we are satisfied enough that we can make that statement.'

Hernden said the victim was still in hospital at the IWK Health Centre late Sunday, and will likely be facing various weapons-related charges upon his release.

Neighbourhood resident Darla Paris said she didn't hear or see anything regarding the incident on Sunday, but news of a shooting wasn't surprising

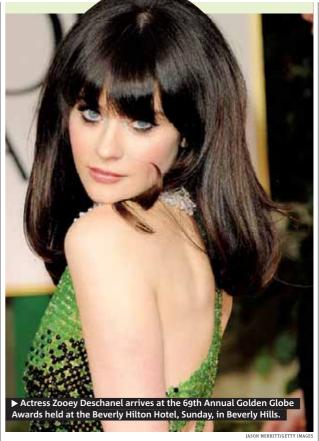
She said there are a lot of kids in the neighbourhood acting "gangster" and trying to pretend they're older. Paris also said her 10-year-old daughter gets picked on a lot for "living good," and that, after living there her whole life, she will be moving.

"I just find this place miserable, and everybody who's lived here for a number of years have to get up and leave because this is all they know, and this is not normal," she said, while out walking with her daughter.

"The neighbourhood soaks you up and spits you out."

Another neighbour seemed to be more surprised by news of the shooting and said it has been quiet for a long time.

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Hollywood goes Golden

Celebrities from film and television walked the red carpet in the posh neighbourhood of Los Angeles Sunday Night. For coverage of the evening's awards, see page 12.





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Darrell Dexter in for health-care battle

▶ Premier joins his colleagues in B.C. capital to discuss health-care funding ▶ Leaders remain divided over what's best for country

Canada's premiers are in Victoria to hash over their response to Ottawa's edict on health-care funding that has left many premiers east of Manitoba seething, and the western ones celebrating the prospect of the federal government finally getting out of the way.

The group headed into three days of meetings on Sunday that were originally intended to discuss new ways of doing things in the health-care sector. But the gathering threatens to get hijacked by the kind of infighting that was common before the last 10-year accord was signed in 2004 and many premiers are looking for adjustments to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's formula that would better benefit their provinces.

"Premiers have sat around these tables for 30 years and said: 'We don't want the federal government to tell us what to do about health care because we have a constitutional responsibility for looking after it,'" B.C. Premier Christy Clark said in an interview.

"You can't do it well from Ottawa. One of the highlights of the federal government's announcement in December is they're vacating that field and leaving it to the premiers to whom it rightfully belongs."

Quebec Premier Jean Charest is among those angry at the unilateral



way Flaherty introduced the formula last month, and he said it's time for Ottawa to take a look at all the money it transfers to provinces.

And Nova Scotia is among those concerned Ottawa is simply backing out of its health-care obligations.

Flaherty's announcement came with no policy strings and signalled an end to the type of healthcare accords that have



Stephen Harper

It's been years since Prime Minister Stephen Harper has met with the premiers.

guided provinces in their

priorities since the late 1990s. The accords attempted to make provinces accountable for federal funding and avoid a patchwork of health services.

"I think the unfortunate consequence of that is we would very likely see ... essentially 13 different kinds of health-care systems across the country," said Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter.

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Preliminary hearing set for former MLA



A former MLA charged with fraud and breach of trust is scheduled to have his preliminary hearing heard in a Halifax courtroom on Monday.

Russell MacKinnon, the former Liberal representative for Cape Breton West, is facing one count of fraud over \$5,000, eight counts of uttering a forged document, and one count of breach of trust by a public officer.

The hearing scheduled for Halifax provincial court is scheduled to last just one day.

He was one of four politicians charged in the wake of auditor general Jacques Lapointe's damning report on MLA expenses in 2010.

MacKinnon has yet to personally appear in court, leaving his lawyer, Joel Pink, to speak for him.

Dave Wilson, a former Liberal for Glace Bay, pleaded guilty to his charges and will be sentenced in Sydney on Ian. 25.

Richard Hurlburt, an ex-Conservative representative for Yarmouth, is scheduled to enter a plea in February.

Trevor Zinck, the current independent member for Dartmouth East, is scheduled to have a weeklong preliminary hearing that begins on June 11.

ALEX BOUTLIER

Police investigate stabbing

Halifax police are investigating after a 35-year-old man was stabbed several times at a Dartmouth tavern early Saturday morning. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Kingston resident killed in ski accident

A skiing accident in Maine has claimed the life of a well-liked and respected Kingston resident.

David Morse, 41, hit a tree on Friday while on a family ski trip at Sugarloaf Mountain Resort. Local police reports indicated he was transported to a nearby hospital after the accident and died shortly after 5 p.m.

Sugarloaf officials reported Morse was wearing a helmet and ski goggles at the time of the crash.

Morse, who has been manager of the Greenwood branch of Valley Credit Union for many years, is well known both personally and profession-

Left behind

Family. David Morse is survived by his wife, Dana, and two sons.

ally in Kingston and Greenwood.

The Credit Union's Facebook page noted

Morse's passing "with tremendous sadness.

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Volunteers trying to Make Death Wait

▶ Last year, Nova Scotia raised \$422,00 for heart-and-stroke research
▶ Similar rallies also held in Sydney and Kentville over weekend





For Cindy Wozney, getting overly emotional is just "a stroke thing"

stroke thing."
She told her story of confusion, frustration and recovery to more than 20 Heart and Stroke Foundation volunteers at the Bloomfield Centre on Sunday. The foundation is launching a new campaign — Make Death Wait — for February's Heart Month.

It's the time of year where about 3,000 volunteers brave icy sidewalks

and windchills to raise money so the foundation can fund research, health promotion and government lobbying.

Wozney was a 46-yearold mother of three and veteran real estate agent when she had a stroke on May 23, 1999. It happened while she was sleeping, and she didn't realize it was a stroke at first.

Her husband noticed her speaking strangely and her face was drooping. When he asked her to write out the names of their kids, she couldn't do it

"The effect of stroke on my family was monumental."

STROKE SURVIVOR CINDY WOZNEY

"It was like a fog descended over my mind and it took me two and a half years to get out of that fog," Wozney said, adding she was without speech for a year.

Neurologist Gord Gubitz told volunteers cardiovascular disease is the biggest killer of women. He said the idea behind

the Make Death Wait campaign is to give people more time.

"An extra couple of days, months or years. That time is valuable for all of us," he said.

It was a serious topic of conversation yesterday, but there were also several jokes about canvassing in the depths of winter.

Wozney advised volunteers to play up the cold angle when they go door-to-door.

"I think we canvass in February because people take mercy on us," she said.

Minister shares thoughts on lobster fishing

Nova Scotia's fisheries minister says he supports a new lobster fishing group in the province.

But Sterling Belliveau, himself a former lobster fisherman, cautioned members against tying up their boats until they get a better price.

He says he wishes the association well, but noted that others in the industry — like bait suppliers and truck drivers — would be affected by any stoppage.

He says there is still a great deal of discussion that has to take place before the concerns of the newly formed Professional Lobster Fishermen's Association can be addressed.

Members will vote on



the motion to tie up their boats this week, and will need at least 80 per cent support in order for it to pass.

The group's membership consists of boat captains, crew and a few lobster buyers from Yarmouth, Shelburne and Digby counties.

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N.B. gives up blood services fight

The New Brunswick government is giving up its fight to keep Canadian Blood Services from moving bloodproduction work to Halifax, a reversal in position that comes after repeated efforts to have the service remain

in the province.

Health Minister
Madeleine Dube announced Friday that the
government would
maintain its relationship
with the blood agency,
citing a need to be fiscally prudent.

"Our province is in a precarious financial situation," Dube told a news conference. "The operational costs and potential liabilities associated with establishing our own blood agency are far too risky for us to take on." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man with gun boards Metro bus

Police have arrested a man who they say boarded a Metro Transit bus with a starter pistol.

Around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, police received a report of a man with a handgun getting onto a Metro Transit bus. Officers located the bus within minutes and arrested an 18-year-old who they say was carrying the kind of pistol commonly used to fire blanks at the start of races.

There has been no decision on whether charges will be laid. • METRO

Shelter canvassing may be scam

Police in Cape Breton are warning residents about a suspected money scam.

Police say two women have been illegally canvassing for money in New Waterford related to the Cape Breton Transition House, a shelter in Sydney.

Officials at the shelter have confirmed the canvassing is not related to the business, as it never goes door-to-door asking for money as a rule. Police say one of the suspects is in her mid-20s and another between the ages of 40 and 45. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Students worried about electoral map

A group of Acadian high school students told the province's finance minister on Friday they're concerned about plans to redraw the province's electoral map.

The students from Yarmouth County greeted Graham Steele as he entered the CJLS radio station in Yarmouth They say they're upset after the provincial government changed the terms of reference for the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Critics have said the changes will lead to the elimination of three ridings that are considered protected for Acadians, and one — Preston — that has a

significant black population.

Steele, who is also the minister responsible for Acadian Affairs, says he understands the concerns

But he adds at the end of the process, the province will continue to have seats "with an Acadian character." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stop oil drilling in Cape Breton: Rally

- ◆ About 200 people attended rally at Grand Parade◆ The event was hosted by Occupy Nova Scotia
- ALEX BOUTILIER

The province's energy policies are "ludicrous," says a member of an environmental group determined to stop oil drilling in Lake Ainslie.

Robert Parkins was one of about six Cape Breton residents who made the four-hour trek to attend a rally in Grand Parade Square in Halifax on Saturday to oppose hydraulic fracturing and drilling. The event was part of a provincial day of action.

Parkins is a member of Protect Lake Ainslie, which is fighting a decision by the province to allow PetroWorth Resources 60

The number of people who joined another protest against oil drilling on Saturday at the Canso Causeway.

to drill a 1,200-metre test well in the region, about 80 kilometres west of Sydnev.

He said the group wants to see government stop the oil-and-gas industry from entering the province until the issue is looked at thoroughly.

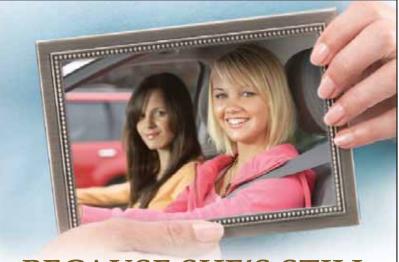
"The oil-and-gas industry is oversized, under-regulated and has been basically destroying areas in which they go into," Parkins, who lives in West Lake Ainslie, said over the bustle of the rally.

"They need to put a complete halt on the oiland-gas industry coming into Nova Scotia until they get a true handle on what's happening in Canada and worldwide."

Nearly 200 people put on their warmest winter clothes to attend the rally.

People young and old carried protest signs, repeated chants and listened to several speakers from across the province and New Brunswick.

The environmental group has also lodged an appeal with the Nova Scotia Supreme Court asking that the decision to be quashed.



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Italian cruise ship death toll rises to 5 after divers find two more bodies

◆ At least 15 people still unaccounted for after luxury liner runs aground ◆ Captain arrested after accident

Maritime authorities, passengers and mounting evidence pointed Sunday toward the captain of a cruise liner that ran aground and capsized off the Tuscan coast, amid accusations that he abandoned ship before everyone was safely evacuated and was showing off when he steered the vessel far too close to shore.

Divers searching the murky depths of the partially submerged Costa Concordia found the bodies of two elderly men still in their life jackets, bringing the confirmed death toll to five. At least 15 people were still missing.

The recovered bodies

were discovered at an emergency gathering point near the restaurant where many of the 4,200 on board were dining when the luxury liner struck rocks or a reef off the tiny island of Giglio.

Still, there were glimmers of hope with the rescue of three survivors: a young South Korean couple on their honeymoon and a crew member brought to shore in a dramatic airlift some 36 hours after the grounding late Friday.

Meanwhile, questions were raised about the captain, who was spotted by officials and passengers fleeing the scene even as the evacuation was under way. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sinking ship

- Authorities are holding Francesco Schettino, the ship's Italian captain, for investigation of suspected manslaughter and abandoning his ship, among other possible
- According to the Italian navigation code, a captain who abandons a ship in danger can face up to 12 years in prison.
- A coast guard official on Sunday said officers exhorted Schettino to return to his ship as panicked passengers desperately fled the cruise liner









Liberals stand by Queen, call for legalized marijuana

God save the Queen and pass the joint.

Federal Liberals have shot down a proposal calling for Canadians to consider cutting this country's ties to the monarchy. But they've thrown overwhelming support behind another calling, for the legalization and regulation of marijua-

The proposals on the monarchy and marijuana were among a handful of controversial resolutions at the party's renewal conven-

They were put forward

which argued that the Liberal party, reduced to rubble in last May's election, needs to advance bold ideas if it is to revive.

"I think that there's a certain amount of generational change happening in the party," said Samuel Lavoie, president of the Liberal youth wing, on Sunday.

The marijuana resolution is not binding on the leader or the party. And delegates rejected a proposal to remove the leader's veto over the contents of future election platforms, so there's no

Party shakeup

- Delegates balked at adopting a U.S.-style primary system to elect future leaders.
- They did support reforming the country's electoral system, voting to adopt preferential balloting in federal elections, rather than the current first-past-the-post system.

guarantee the party will ever actually campaign on the idea of legalizing pot.

delegates voting for it, Lavoie predicted: "I think it is really difficult for anyone to just ignore the result and the will of the membership.

The marijuana vote followed a move late Saturday to throw open the doors of the party. After a heated debate, delegates approved a proposal to create a new class of Liberal "supporters" who will be eligible to vote for party leaders in future, along with card-carrying, fee-paying members.

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Federal Liberals pick new party president



Federal Liberals selected Mike Crawley as their new party president.

On Sunday, he beat out Sheila Copps, a veteran former cabinet minister

who was at one time considered the favourite to win but whom some Liberals felt symbolized the past. Crawley won the highly sought after position by a slim 26 votes.

Before he was elected as the new party president, Crawley was the head of the Liberal party's

Some 3,000 federal Liberals from across Canada attended the biennial three-day convention in Ottawa to debate, among many other things, executive leaders, party resolutions and new proposals aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of the party.

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Hearing begins in abuse case

A U.S. soldier charged with abuse that led to the suicide of a 19-year-old fellow soldier in Afghanistan faced a preliminary hearing on Sunday at Kandahar Air Field, the U.S. military said.

Spc. Ryan J. Offutt, 32, is charged with maltreatment, assault, involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide in the death of Pvt. Danny Chen. Offutt is one of eight infantrymen



charged in connection with the suicide.

Chen shot himself in a guardhouse on Oct. 3 in Afghanistan after what investigators say were weeks of racial slurs, humiliation and physical

Sunday's hearing was to determine whether Offutt should face court-

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Republican hopefuls slammed for speaking French, Mandarin

Both Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman are getting heat from staunch Republicans, but not for their views on health care or tax reform: Romney is under fire for knowing French Huntsman is viewed with suspicion because he speaks Mandarin.

Both candidates are Mormons, and learned the languages as young men while on religious missions to France and China respectively.

In South Carolina, a pair of Newt Gingrich ads one of them titled The French Connection — attack Romney for his facility with the language.

Romney "will say anything to win, anything, and just like John Kerry, he

speaks French, too," the narrator intones menacingly as a jaunty accordion plays in the background. Romney is seen speaking French in the web spot.

Meanwhile, Huntsman's penchant for breaking into Mandarin in debates even during campaign stops in South Carolina has raised the hackles of some Republicans.

"You don't speak Mandarin during a Republican debate," said Joe Scarborough, former Republican congressman and now host of MSNBC's Morning

Said Michael Steele, former head of the Republican National Committee: "I thought he was ordering takeout." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tanker awaits deep freeze to deliver fuel

Nome, Alaska, facing gasoline and diesel shortage Once ice is stable, fuel to be transferred to village by hose from Russian tanker offshore

A Russian tanker with a cargo of much-needed fuel for Nome was moored less than a half-mile from the Alaska town's iced-in harbour Sunday morning, waiting for disturbed ice to refreeze so that crews can deliver the fuel.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy, cleared a path through hundreds of kilometres of Bering Sea ice for the tanker, was nearby.

"We were able to successfully navigate that last bit of ice," Coast Guard spokesman Kip Wadlow said. "We were able to get it pretty much right on the money, in the position that the industry representatives wanted to start the fuel-transfer process.'

The crew of the 370-foot said on Saturday.

Once the disturbed ice has refrozen, crews must build a pathway over the ice for the hose to rest on. Then the hose segments have to be bolted together and inspected before the fuel can be released.

anxious waiting since the ship left Russia in mid-De-

tanker Renda was working to ensure the safe transfer of the 4.5-million litres of fuel through a segmented hose that will be laid on top of the ice to the harbour, about 610 metres from the ship, Wadlow

There has been a lot of



cember. It picked up diesel in South Korea before travelling to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where it took on unleaded gasoline. Late Thursday, the vessels stopped offshore and began planning the transfer.

A fall storm prevented Nome from getting a fuel delivery by barge in November. Without the Renda's delivery, Nome's supplies of diesel, gasoline and home heating fuel are expected to run out in March or April.

Freeze frame

- Alaska requires that fuel transfers be initiated only in daylight hours, though they can continue in darkness. Nome has just five hours of daylight at this time of year.
- Once the fuel hose is laid down, the crew will walk its entire length every 30 minutes to check for leaks. Each segment of hose has its own spill-containment area, and an extra-

absorbent boom is on hand in case of a spill.

▶ But Jason Evans, chairman of Sitnasuak Native Corp., cautioned that delivering the fuel is only half the mission. "The ships need to transition back through 300 miles of ice." he said. "I say we're not done until the ships are safely back at their home ports (in Seattle and Russia)."

Colbert denies tie with Super PAC, Romney attack ad

Comedian Stephen Colbert says he has launched an exploratory committee into whether to run for president. Colbert appeared in character on a U.S. currentaffairs show on Sunday to poke straight-faced, satirical fun at the Republican presidential race.

"It is a real exploratory committee ... finding out whether there is a hunger for a Stephen Colbert campaign right now," Colbert told George Stephanopoulos on ABC's This Week. He added that those on the committee include a mountain-climber, "someone who is good with explosives" and a "brain in a jar.'

"I am exploring right now — I am a one-man Lewis and Clark," he said.

He scoffed at the insistence from South Carolina officials that it's too late for his name to appear on the ballot in time for Saturday's

"They said you can't go to

the moon, they said you can't put cheese inside a pizza crust — but NASA did it; they had to because the cheese kept on floating off into space," he said.

For months, Colbert has been taking aim at the U.S. political system, finding particular delight in forming a so-called Super PAC, a political action committee supposedly separate from the candidates it's backing.

Super PACs can raise limitless funds from corpora-



tions, unions and other groups and were made possible by a controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision that was maligned for giving wealthy American companies and individuals the green light to finance political campaigns.

With great fanfare, Colbert handed his Super PAC over to Jon Stewart of The Daily Show late last week. The committee is now called The Definitely Not Co-ordinated With Stephen

Colbert Super PAC.

Colbert then insisted he had no ties to the Super PAC, no awareness of its new attack ad comparing front-runner Mitt Romney to a serial killer and no relationship to Stewart.

Both Romney and Newt Gingrich, at various junctures in the race, have claimed not to have seen attack ads put out by their Super PACs and denied any knowledge of their tactics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Recession or not? Canadians think so

Recession ended more than two years ago: Economists
Canadians unconvinced, as disposable incomes decline

Is Canada in a recession? A majority of Canadians think so. But data and economists say otherwise.

The issue arose when pollster Michael Marzolini of Pollara reported to the Economic Club that 70 per cent of Canadians felt the Rword applied today, and a similar number thought the downturn would last at least another year.

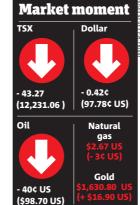
The finding was immediately scoffed at by economists and policy-makers. Except for a brief skid in the second quarter of 2011, the economy has been growing steadily since 2009, they say. Hardly a day goes by when Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty don't trumpet the fact that

Canada has created more than 600,000 new jobs since the slump, much more than the 400,000 or so that were lost.

The technical definition of recession is when real, inflation-adjusted gross domestic product falls in back-to-back quarters. That happened in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first two quarters of 2009.

But real GDP adjusts for inflation, not for population. Canada's economic performance looks different when population growth — about one per cent a year — is factored out. By that measure, Canada's per-capita GDP is still 1.4 per cent below what it was prior to the recession.

"To most people, real



GDP doesn't really matter. What matters is per-capita income," said Craig Alexander, chief economist with the TD Bank.

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Protesters decry Dolce & Gabbana

Several dozen people gathered outside a Dolce & Gabbana store in Hong Kong Sunday and yelled for the company to apologize after news reports this month said sales staff were preventing Hong Kong people, but not mainland Chinese or foreigners, from taking photos of the shop windows from the sidewalk.

At least 13 people were injured when more than 1,000 protesters clashed with police on the streets in Bucharest.

Protests get violent in Romania

Romania's government called an emergency meeting Sunday to discuss ongoing, violent protests after demonstrators angry about austerity measures hurled stones and firebombs at police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Give eurozone pacts a chance: Minister

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, on a visit to Greece, says it is time for Europe to create independent credit-rating agencies and calm down speculative markets. Westerwelle said he thinks it's very important to give agreements and pacts made within the eurozone a chance, adding that this is way to bring back market trust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sarkozy urges calm after downgrade

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for courage, calm and unity to overcome the financial crisis, promising new reforms Sunday without mentioning the loss of France's prized AAA rating in his first public appearance since the downgrade. The Standard & Poor's decision to lower France's rating to AA+ was a blow to the country's self-image and to Sarkozy's prospects of reelection.

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Iran gives warning over crude-oil exports

Iran warned Gulf Arab oil producers against boosting production to offset any potential drop in Tehran's crude exports in the event of an embargo affecting oil sales, the latest salvo in the

dispute over its nuclear program. Saudi Arabia also denied that pledges to boost output were linked to a potential siphoning of Iranian crude due to sanctions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



FROM BAD TO BETTER BY WAY OF BOONDOGGLE

URBAN COMPASS

STEPHEN KIMBER METRO HALIFAX The lesson from last week's reversal of council's decision to sell the former St.
Patrick's-Alexandra School to a private developer? Even when our councillors finally, get it right, they bundle the

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belatedly get it right, they bungle the process so badly everyone walks away more than slightly soiled and embarrassed by the whole exercise.

In December, over angry objections of north-end Halifax residents — who already believed they were being

squeezed out of their own community by urban redevelopment and gentrification — council voted to peddle a local community school site to a private developer.

The problem, as quickly became apparent and should have been clear before the vote, was that council hadn't followed city policy for disposing of surplus property.

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They were supposed to consult the community first.

Not that it mattered. City staff had stacked the evaluation process to make it virtually impossible for proposals from non-profit community groups to compete with those from private developers.

There were rallies. Hundreds protested. There was a petition. Close to a 1,000 people signed.

The issue went back to council last week. After four and a half hours of "other business" before a packed gallery present only for the school issue.

councillors finally got around to debating a motion to

Coun. Jennifer Watts had barely moved her motion when HRM manager Richard Butts advised councillors to go into secret session to talk the motion over with city legal staff. Another secret meeting to discuss public business? Where was this municipal manager when Occupy Nova Scotia protesters got turfed? Oh, right. He was home in Toronto.

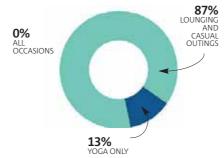
Council voted down the secret meeting, then voted down a motion to adjourn, then met in secret anyway, then — it's now closing in on 1 a.m. — finally voted 17-5 to rescind their original decision. And they asked municipal staff, who, of course, had devised the flawed process in the first place, to report back on whether the process had been correctly followed.

As usual, nothing is settled.

Once again, Halifax regional council has managed to alienate the community, the developers who submitted bids in good faith and average citizens who expect better.

Let's hope there's a lesson in that too.





Local tweets



@SMUprob: #ItAnnoysMe-When I say

I go to school in Halifax, and people assume it's dal. Seriously, do I look that desperate for an education?

@jeemyy:
 In 2 weeks I will be getting ready to board a cruise ship to the Bahamas. Suck it Halifax.
 @jonathanlegate:

Just finished dog walk at Point Pleasant. Busy despite the cold. Glad I had 3 pairs of socks on. #Halifax @_stephbateman: does anyone know where in #halifax to get good-quality fudge?!

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- @TheJormeister: Is it just me, or am I the only one who's excited to see the @BlueJays play after seeing them in #Halifax?! #GoJaysGo
- @AaronRow: It's 5:30 and there is still light on the horizon. Excellent! #Halifax
- ► @KirkComstock: I am excited for the Electric City Underground show this Wed. at the Seahorse in Halifax.



Sculptures of ice from river water

HARBIN, CHINA. Ice sculptors from nine countries competed in the 26th International Ice Sculpture Contest in China's northeastern city of Harbin. The event is part of an annual ice and snow festival, which sees its streets filled with pagodas made entirely of ice. © METRO WORLD NEWS

It takes three days to sculpt a block of ice weighing over two tonnes, which is cut from the frozen surface of the nearby Songhua River. Locals say the ice is notably translucent, as it freezes slowly each winter while the river continues to flow beneath and polish it.

"(In ice sculpture) you see the light, how it reflects. It's more playing with light. ... I make all these ideas, which are not possible to make in any other material." KARLIS ILE, 37,

LATVIAN-BORN ARTIST

Humble origins

The first festival in 1963 may have originated from tradition of ice lanternmaking by local fishermen.



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Box office



managed to steal the top slot at the weekend box office away from competitors. The Universal action film starring Mark Wahlberg debuted at No. 1 with \$24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Disney's 3D re-release of 1991's Beauty and the Beast waltzed into the No. 2 position with \$18.5 million. Joyful Noise, the Warner Bros.' musical comedy starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, opened in the fourth spot with \$11.3 million behind Paramount's Mission: Impossible -Ghost Protocol, which earned \$11.5 million in its fifth week, bringing its total haul to \$186.7 million.
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Is Plummer on the Oscar track?

Plummer, 82, gets his Golden Globe for supporting actor. Will he finally win an Oscar?
 Clooney, Streep and Williams also take home gold

Canadian-born stage and screen legend Christopher Plummer won the supporting-actor Golden Globe for his role as an elderly widower who comes out as gay in the father-son drama Beginners.

Claiming the first prize of the night at Sunday's Globes may give 82-year-old Plummer the inside track for the same prize at next month's Academy Awards.

"I must praise my distinguished competitors, whom I have the greatest admiration and to whom I apologize most profusely," said Plummer, who added warm regards to Beginners star Scottish actor Ewan McGregor.

"I want to salute my partner, Ewan, that wily Scot, 'Ewan My Heart's in the Highlands' McGregor, that scene-stealing swine from the outer Hebrides."

Oscar consideration has been elusive for Plummer, who has been nominated for Hollywood's top honour only once in his 60year career — two years ago, for the Leo Tolstoy drama The Last Station.

Ricky Gervais, who has ruffled feathers at past



shows with sharp wisecracks aimed at Hollywood's elite and the Globes show itself, returned as host for the third-straight year.

He needled early winners, saying the show was running long and stars needed to keep their speeches short.

"You don't need to thank everyone you've ever met or members of your family, who have done nothing," Gervais said. "Just the main two. Your agent and God."

On the musical/comedy side, Michelle Williams



won best actress for portraying Marilyn Monroe in what presenter and pal Seth Rogen jokingly called "the hilarious comedy My Week with Marilyn."

On the TV side, HBO's Enlightenment, which has struggled to gain viewers, got a boost from star Laura Dern's win for best actress in a comedy series, beating out popular favourites Tina Fey and Zooey Deschanel. PBS's runaway hit British import, Downton Abbey took home best miniseries or TV movie, while Kelsey Grammer surprised awards watchers by



earning top drama series acting honours for the Starz political series Boss ahead of Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Steve

(Boardwalk
Empire).
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Uggie
from The Artist

from The Artist for a walk down the red carpet.

Winners

Here is a partial list of winners as of press time:

Motion pictures:
Supporting actor —
Christopher Plummer,
Beginners

Actress, musical/comedy
— Michelle Williams, My
Week with Marilyn

Actress, drama — Meryl Streep, Iron Lady

Actor, drama — George Clooney, The Descendants

Movie, drama — The Descendants

► Television: Series, drama — Homeland, Showtime

Actor, drama — Kelsey Grammer, Boss

Actress, miniseries or movie — Kate Winslet, Mildred Pierce

Visit metronews.ca/scene for Metro's Ned Ehrbar's behind-the-scenes look at the Golden Globe Awards.

Ricky's golden glib award

Perhaps the biggest question for most Golden Globe viewers this year was exactly how far Ricky Gervais would go with his second opportunity as host after last year's eyebrow-raising skewering of Hollywood's biggest names. The answer, as it turns out, was not too far at all, as Gervais went easy on his audience, poking fun at himself, the Hol-

lywood Foreign Press and host network NBC, which he referred to as a "nonprofit organization."

His first victim of the night? Kim Kardashian. "The Golden Globes are to the Oscars what Kim Kardashian is to Kate Middleton ... a bit louder, a bit trashier, a bit drunker and more easily bought, allegedly."

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"The HFPA have warned me that if I insult any of you ... or cause any controversy, they'll invite me back next year"

RICKY GERVAIS, REFERENCING THE IRE HE EARNED AS HOST OF

LAST YEAR'S GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

Locklear in the clear after booze and pills overdose

Melrose Place actress all smiles as she was discharged from hospital

Not a suicide attempt: Parents

Heather Locklear is safe at home after being hospitalized late last week for reportedly ingesting a life-threatening mix of booze and prescription pills, according to Us Weekly.

Locklear was reportedly chatty and smiling upon being discharged from Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Locklear's parents wanted everybody to know that she's doing well, she's fine, she's not in any danger, she's healthy," a hospital hospital spokeswoman says, adding that the actress' episode was not a suicide attempt.



Hollywood is too small sometimes



Awards season can make for some awkward run-ins between exes, as Demi Moore reportedly found out when she and Ashton Kutcher ended up at the same pre-Golden Globes private party at L.A.'s Soho House, according to Us Weekly.

"I saw him briefly say hi to her, but that was it. They spent most of the evening keeping a dis-

There were plenty of other A-listers to talk to at

"I saw him briefly sav hi but that was it. They spent most of the evening keeping a distance." SOURCE

the party, of course, including Leonardo Di-Caprio, Cameron Diaz and Madonna, with whom Moore reportedly spent most of the evening chat-

Celebrity tweets



Gregory! Yes! Wait, cancelled means permanently on tv forever riaht?



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Pill recall



Health Canada says a recall of Excedrin products announced last week in the U.S. now extends to Canada.

The recall covers all of Excedrin Extra Strength Caplets and Excedrin Tension Headache Caplets with expiration dates of Dec. 20, 2014 or earlier.

The recall was initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration received reports of chipped and broken pills. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Tech-toy heaven

◆ As the 2012 Consumer Electronics Show gets underway, Mike Yawney, Citytv's technology specialist, has scoured the floor for this year's must-have tech toys ◆ Here are a few of his picks



Samsung Upgradeable TVs: Did vou

buy a TV for Christmas? The reality

is that within a few months it will al-

ready be outdated. Samsung wants

to make sure you don't have buyers

to continuously upgrade your televi-

remorse this year by allowing you

sion. Many of its 2012 models will

feature a slot on the rear where a

special upgrade module can be in-

serted. This means modules with

new software features, even faster

processors can be purchased each

updates will cost you, but at least

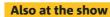
you'll have the latest and greatest

year to keep your TV up to date. The

Nest: You have never seen a thermostat quite like this. Designed by Tony Fadell, the man who designed the original iPod, Nest is the world's first learning thermostat. Set the temperature in your home and over the course of a few days Nest will learn your climate preferences and start adjusting the temperature on its own. Since Nest is connected to your WiFi network, you have the ability to control the temperature in your home from just about anywhere using a smartphone or tablet. Nest will also tell you when you're saving energy to help you save money. You're going to need that cash, since the thermostat will set you back \$249.



55-inch OLED TV: This isn't the first time OLED TVs have shown up at CES, but this is the first year they have reached such a large size. Last year, the ultra-thin televisions hit the 21-inch mark, this year we're finally starting to see 55-inch panels. The TVs are a mere fourmm thin, weigh roughly 7.5 KGs and are very energy efficient. On top of that, the display produces an incredible picture with some of the best colours you've ever seen. The only real drawback may be the price. A couple of years ago Sony sold an 11-inch model for \$2,100 so you can expect these large panels will cost you a pretty penny when they hit Canada later this year.



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White roofs reflect sunlight. Traditional dark roofing absorbs it, creating seething, inhumanly hot surface conditions. This wastes phenomenal amounts of energy, as most office building air conditioners are cooling taken from directly above the roof.

"If you have a white roof on your building, that reduces your air-conditioning use, increases comfort and improves the ambient air quality within the city," says Dr. Hashem Akbari, professor of environmental engineering at Concor-



dia University in Montreal.

Every roof eventually needs to be serviced, or replaced. Doing the job with light-coloured materials is simple — and doesn't cost a penny extra.

"If you're building a new office tower, there's no difference in price between a white roof and a black roof," notes Jim Harris, management consultant and bestselling author of Blindsided.

"Same thing with shingles on a house. Pick a light colour, like a light gray, as close to white as you can get. There are really simple things that you can do that will make an incredible difference."

Yes, white roofs get dirty. But even so, they remain vastly more reflective than dark ones.



White roofs

Cool-roof technology is not specifically covered by most government homerenovation grant programs.

 Website For more info on provincial grants, check ontario.ca.

Akbari notes that a typical Canadian house can offset 10 to 20 tons of CO2 emissions just by lightening the colour of its roof.

This simple idea has environmental implications that are — huge.

"If every roof in the

world that is a dark colour were white, it would be equivalent to taking 600 million cars off the road for 22 years," Harris says. "That's the equivalent saving in carbon emissions that this would reduce. Those emissions come from burning electricity to air-condition air heated by dark roofs."

"This does not solve the problem of global warming," Akbari stresses, "but it is a measure that it is effective. It doesn't cost us anything. It doesn't have any negative effect. It saves us money, and we can afford to do it right now, while we are getting our act together to do something more serious."

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Preparation:

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minuta

Add the sweet potatoes, apple, coconut milk and broth and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and cook, covered, for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are

Let the soup cool slightly then discard bay leaf. Puree, in small batches, in a blender or food processor. Return to saucepan and thin with additional broth, if necessary. Reheat and serve garnished with coriander and dollop of

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped ginger root
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) curry powder (mild or medium)
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground cumin, coriander and salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 1 bay leaf
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) sweet potatoes (2 or 3), peeled and
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) light coconut milk
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chicken broth (approx)
- Chopped fresh coriander
- Plain yogurt

yogurt, if desired.
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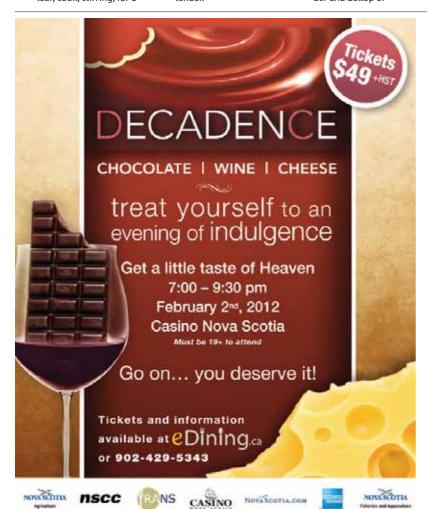
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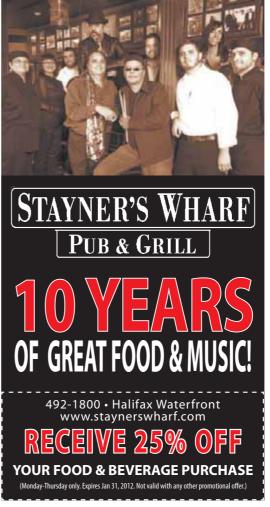
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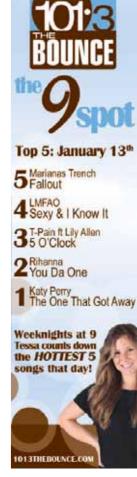


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She's got a true hunger for life

Through perseverance and planning, Jennifer Broe has turned a kitchen hobby into a successful business venture

TURNING POINT

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There is a tattoo on Jen-nifer Broe's right wrist that says 'Beand lieve' Jennifer says

minder to her every day to remain focused on the path toward success.

"I kept hitting so many walls. I wasn't sure I would be able to go forward. I was in my car a lot every day to remain focused on the path toward success.

"I kept hitting so many walls. I wasn't sure I would be able to go forward. I was in my car a lot so it was a constant reminder to keep moving

"I always trust my intuition and that's what's taken me forward." IENNIFER BROE



- Plan All great leaders are able to execute but to be successful you need to lay
- Team Hire people to fill in your weaknesses. If you're not an accountant or website designer enlist people to help you
- Persistence If you hit a wall, push through it. The greatest rewards are once you've pushed through the most difficult
- to overcome obstacles in your business plan if you don't have a passion for the product.

forward."

Gourmet out of her kitchen in Calgary when a new mom's support group kept asking for her homemade organic food for their own babies. She set up shop in a high-end farmer's market and was



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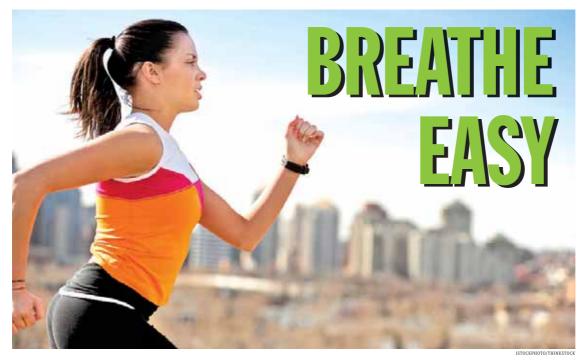
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LEARN TO RUN FOR SMOKERS PROGRAM HELPS WITH QUITTING

For the past two years, Nova Scotians who smoke and want to get fit have taken part in an eight-week program called Learn to Run for Smokers, which was developed by the Lung Association of Nova Scotia.

Nine of these programs have been held to date — one in Wolfville and the rest in the Halifax Regional Municipal-

ity - with 10 to 15 men and women taking part in each one. Smokers who have wanted to try running but didn't think it was for them are welcome and they won't be pressured to quit their tobacco habit.

"The goal is to provide a supportive environment for smokers who want to adopt a healthier lifestyle," says Robert MacDonald, the health initiative manager at the Lung Association of Nova Scotia. "Running encourages people to love their lungs, and it's the motivation many participants need to give up smoking on their own."

Smokers won't have to listen to program leaders spout negative anti-smoking messages. In fact, it's the

THE BEST KIND OF BREAKUP

Taking place from Jan. 15-21, this year's National Non-Smoking Week (NNSW) theme is Breaking Up Is Hard To Do. NNSW's goals include:

- Educating Canadians about the dangers of smoking;
- Preventing those who don't smoke from starting;
- Helping people quit smoking;
- Promoting the right of non-smokers to breathe clean air.

For more, visit nnsw.ca.

participants who usually ask to talk about how to quit smoking, usually in the third or fourth session. As part of the \$50 program fee, runners receive a tobacco-cessation booklet, training schedule and T-shirt.

Each weekly training session lasts about 90 minutes and includes walking, running and stretching. Plans are underway to launch Learn to Run for Smokers in Cape Breton. "The goal is to roll out the program across the rest of the province and, eventually, across the country," says MacDonald.

The next Learn to Run for Smokers program in HRM will begin in mid-February. For details, call 443-8141 or visit ns.lung.ca. -Jane Doucet

BREAK THE HABIT

One of the trickiest habits for many people is to quit smoking. We often hear about the health risks. Here are some points that are worth repeating

- Smoking is always in the top three risk factors for major health concerns such as hypertension, cholesterol, diabetes, asthma and cancer.
- Parents who smoke put their children at risk for frequent ear and lung infections, asthma and poor athletic performance. While some parents smoke outside, the pollutants still cling to their hair and clothing, which then transfers to their child's bedding and furniture.
- · Smoking interferes with sleep, mood, and recovery from an injury. It also makes you feel pain more acutely and in more locations than non-smokers.
- · And it causes empty-wallet

Here's how to get a head start on your quit smoking goal:

- Set your "quit date."
- Talk to your pharmacist about the various methods available to quit.
- Line up support by telling your



family and friends that you are planning to quit.

- Prepare your environment, including your home and your car, by removing all smoking triggers, such as lighters and ashtrays.
- · Get plenty of rest, eat a balanced diet, drink lots of water and avoid
- Pick up a new hobby or favourite activity. When you feel the urge to smoke, go for a walk or read a book.
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Huskies back in the race

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Two big wins have vaulted the Saint Mary's Huskies into the race for an Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoff bye.

The Huskies knocked off the nationally topranked UNB Varsity Reds 2-1 on Friday at the Halifax Forum and followed it up with another home win on Saturday, defeating the UPEI Panthers 5-3.

The Huskies, 12-7-1, did it despite injuries to two of their top defencemen — Michael D'Orazio and Justin Wallingford — and are now tied for second in the AUS with the Acadia Axemen, 12-6-1.

"We were really shortstaffed, and that's what's blowing everyone's mind, I think, to go in with such a thin lineup and do it," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg. "We were really happy with the way the guys played. They played desperate and found ways to win."

Saint Mary's captain Colby Pridham scored the game-winner at 10:02 of the third period on Friday.

The Huskies, who don't

have any players averaging more than a point per game, have surprised even themselves this season

themselves this season.

"We said all along, 'We don't have a lot of scorers, it's going to be a down year for us,'" Stienburg said. "But these guys are proving us wrong right now. Knock on wood. ... Hopefully they can keep it up."

Tigers growling

- The Dalhousie Tigers are now 3-1 in the new year under new head coach Chris Donnelly after road wins over the St. Thomas Tommies and Moncton Aigles Bleus on the weekend.
- The Tigers, who went 2-11-1 in the first half, are just four points out of an AUS playoff spot.

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More sports



GUARD JUSTINE COLLEY ADDED 29 POINTS TO HER NATION-LEADING SCORING SAINT MARY'S HUSKIES, 9-2, DOWNED THE HOST **DALHOUSIE TIGERS 73-58 IN** ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY SPORT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ACTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT. ON THE MEN'S SIDE, IT WAS FOURTH-PLACE DALHOUSIE, 4-4. GETTING THE UPPER HAND ON SAINT MARY'S WITH A 72-70 VICTORY. FORWARD ROBERT NORTMANN PACED THE TIGERS A 17-POINT, 15-REBOUND DOUBLE-DOUBLE.

Moose find redemption in the final third

♠ Mooseheads split weekend set and sit sixth overall at 26-14-4



Third periods defined the Halifax Mooseheads' weekend.

The Mooseheads scored three goals in the final frame on Sunday afternoon in Sydney to beat the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles 6-4, just two days after melting down at the Metro Centre by allowing four third-period goals in a tough 7-4 loss to the Chicoutimi Sagueneens.

Head coach Dominique Ducharme said the final 20 minutes on Sunday was the best he's witnessed from his team in 2012.

"Today we saw the Mooseheads in the third, that team, that character team, that goes out and makes a difference at key times, when the game is on the line," Ducharme said. "We played like gamers in the third.

"It was nice to see us get back to that."

The Mooseheads trailed 4-3 going into the third on Sunday and looked headed for their fourth loss in five games in the new year. But Martin Frk evened the score just 2:56 into the period and Brad Cuzner — a former Eagles fan favourite — scored the winner at 12:07 while shorthanded.

After giving the Sagueneens 10 power plays on Friday, the Mooseheads only gave the Screaming Eagles two on Sunday.



▶ Mooseheads forward Brad Cuzner, a former Screaming Eagles fan favourite, scored the game-winner on Sunday.

Rainmen keeping the Lightning in sight

The Halifax Rainmen continue to stomp all over the teams below them in the National Basketball League of Canada standings.

The second-place Rainmen dumped the Saint John Mill Rats 121-104 at the Metro Centre on Saturday before a crowd of 3,952,

108 Points-pergame average for the Rainmen, No. 1 in the NBL Canada and 4.1 points more than any other team.

improving to 14-5 overall. Although they're 0-3 against the first-place London Lightning, they're now a dominating 14-2 against the rest of the circuit.

Joey Haywood led the Rainmen with 25 points.

The Rainmen, two games behind London, visit the Lightning on Thursday in search of their first head-to-head win. • MATTHEW WUEST

Sports in brief

Sumarah in line for CIS job: Report

CARLETON RAVENS.

Halifax's Steve Sumarah will reportedly have a new job as a Canadian Interuniversity Sport football head coach on Monday. Sumarah, fired as head coach of the Saint Mary's Huskies on Dec. 5, will be named head coach of the Carleton Ravens, according to the Ottawa Citizen. Carleton is returning to the Ontario University Athletics football conference in 2013 after scrapping its football program in 1998.

Sumarah spent six seasons as head coach at Saint Mary's, posting a 35-12 record and winning four conference titles.





Familiar spot for New England

▶ Brady guides productive Patriots offence into sixth AFC title game in 11 years ▶ QB had 5,235 yards this season

Next up to try and stop the seemingly unstoppable Tom Brady and the New England Patriots offence: the Baltimore Ravens.

Good luck.

How do you cover powerful Rob Gronkowski and versatile Aaron Hernandez and still have a defender left to deal with Wes Welker, the NFL's leading receiv-

Can you generate enough of a pass rush to foil Brady's quick release? If you don't, the master of analyzing defences and firing precise passes can stand comfortably in the pocket, calmly searching for his best option and the quickest route to the end zone.

And don't forget the ground game while you're focused on all those aerial

Get ready, Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs. Your dominant defence is about to get its toughest test.

Baltimore's reward for beating the Houston Texans 20-13 on Sunday is a date with the prolific Patriots, who got there with a 45-10 win Saturday night over the Denver Broncos that turned Tebowmania into a passing phenomenon while its central character, Tim Tebow, kept passing poorly.
The Ravens play at

Foxborough on Sunday with a defence much better than the one the overwhelmed Broncos displayed. Baltimore's unit is the third-stingiest in the NFL, but it has never seen anything like this.

Not with Brady at the top of his game after his decade of greatness.

"The team revolves around him," Hernandez said. "When he comes to play, which he mostly does every game, then we're going to be on fire, and when he's ready, we're all ready."

Brady's performance rivals — and surpasses in some ways — his 2007 MVP season when he set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes and established a team mark of 4,806 yards passing. This season, he beat that by more than 400 with 5,235. second-most in NFL history to Drew Brees' 5,476.

The Patriots went 18-0 in 2007, then lost the Super Bowl 17-14 to the New Ŷork Giants on a lastminute touchdown. Now they're 14-3.

One more win gets them to the championship game thanks to Brady's six scoring passes against Denver, tying the NFL record held by Daryle Lamonica and Steve Young. By halftime, Brady already had thrown for five touchdowns while Tebow had just three completions.

The victory helped ease the lingering pain of three straight playoffs losses — 33-14 to Baltimore and 28-21 to the New York Jets afthe Super Bowl disappointment.

"You lose a few playoff games and it's a very bitter way to end the season and it sits on your mind for quite a long time," Brady

said. "For us to come out and play the way we did, have a very solid performance in the most important game of the year, is very gratifying.

"From this point on, everyone will be focused on what we need to do to be better next week and, hopefully, come out and play for another championship.'

Brady has been brilliant all season, starting with a total of 940 yards passing and seven touchdown throws in his first two games. And in his last nine

- all wins he's thrown for 25 scores and just three inceptions.

"We never look at the individual. We all try and do our job," defensive tackle Vince Wilfork said. "If (Brady) plays well, everyone else plays well.

"When he has an off day, we try to rally around him as a team to help Tom and the offence. We aren't going to get 20-30 points all the time."

Of course not. There was that one game, back Oct. 30, when

they scored only 17 points. Brady's six

scoring passes

Saturday matched his career high. He completed 26-of-34 for 363 passes yards, a team record for a post-season game.

He wasn't sacked, hardly even pressured, all game.

"That's Tom, week in and week out," running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis said, "so I don't think anyone else in this lockerroom or in this country would expect anything else

It wasn't always that promising. The Patriots were just 5-3 and had lost two consecutive games for just the

third time in nine seasons. Their defence, last in the league at the time, was get-

ting pushed around. It was time for Brady's bunch to turn things around.

They beat the Jets in New York 37-16 to start the nine-game winning streak. In three of the last four games, they've scored more than 41 points. The only other time that happened since Brady arrived in 2000 was in 2007 when they did it in three consecutive games and four of

That team had Randy Moss, the deep threat who caught an NFL-record 23 touchdowns.

This one has Gronkowski and Hernandez, the short, middle and deep targets who combined for 24 in the regular season and, in just one playoff game, another four.

"These two are changing the game," guard Brian Waters said. "If you decide to take away one, that opens things up for the

"You add the fact that we have receiving threats and some good guys at the running back position. It limits the things you can do defensively as far as trying to take one person out of the game. That's something that we are able to take advantage of."

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Giant upset at Lambeau Field

Manning throws three TDs, Giants stun Packers 37-20 in NFC divisional playoff game in Green Bay

For Eli Manning and the New York Giants, Lambeau Field has become a familiar launching pad. After beating the Green Bay Packers at home for the second time in four years, they only hope this trip ends the same way — at the Super Bowl.

Manning threw three touchdown passes and the Giants shocked the Packers 37-20 in an NFC divisional playoff game Sunday. Manning threw for 330 yards, sending the Giants to San Francisco for the NFC championship game next Sunday night.

The Packers might have been the reigning Super Bowl champs, but the Giants might be the hottest team in the NFL.

"I think we're a dangerous team," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "I like



where we are and how we're playing."

The Giants stunned the Packers with a touchdown off a long heave from Manning to Hakeem Nicks just before halftime, then knocked them out with a late touchdown off a turnover. Lambeau Field fell silent as the Giants swarmed the field in celebration, with a handful of New York fans chanting, "Let's go, Giants!"

The win came four



years after the Giants beat a Brett Favre-led Packers team in the NFC title game. It wasn't nearly as frigid this time around, and the Packers' vulnerable defence seemed to be waiting to get sliced up. Manning found six different receivers against a porous Packers defence. But Manning did the most damage with his throws to Nicks, who caught seven passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

Nicks' biggest play was a 66-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. His score at the end of the half came on a 37-yard pass into the end zone with defenders all around.

"It was a big momentum play for them, but we were not deflated as a football team," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

The Giants defence also was able to defuse the bigplay abilities of Aaron Rodgers and the Packers defence.

Rodgers was 26-of-46 for 264 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception. He also was the Packers' leading rusher with 66 yards on seven carries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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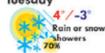
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